

# The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: March 2016



Lend your voice to our Legislative process! This newsletter highlights bills currently under consideration by the Howard County Council and links to those bills where available. To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this information and share your comments on



Council bills by submitting testimony to [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov). You may also submit testimony in person during the Council's Public Hearing, generally held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. To sign-up in advance to testify, click [here](#).

The 436th session of General Assembly is currently in session and will conclude **April 11, 2016**.

For details on legislation passed during the prior General Assembly's session, please contact **Dan Furman** at **410-841-3360** or email [hoc1@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:hoc1@mlis.state.md.us).

I hope you find this newsletter informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.

## INTRODUCTIONS

All current Council legislation can be found [online](#). All Prefiled legislation can be found online by [clicking here](#).

## APPOINTMENTS

### [CR29-2016](#)

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michael Blum, to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### [CR30-2016](#)

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sylvia Ramsey to the Recreation & Parks Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

## GENERAL

### [CB13-2016](#)

**Introduced by: Calvin Ball**

AN ACT allowing the County Executive to extend the time to remove snow from sidewalks during a specified state of emergency; and generally relating to sidewalks in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### [CB14-2016](#)

**Introduced by: Jon Weinstein**

AN ACT amending the Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan provisions for Howard County; amending the amount of time military service may be credited; and generally relating to military service credit for the Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### [CB15-2016](#)

**Introduced by: Jon Weinstein**

AN ACT amending the Subdivision and Development of Land Regulations pertaining to residential infill developments with respect to compatibility, unit types, landscaping, interconnectivity and privacy; and generally relating to residential infill developments.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

### [CB16-2016](#)

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Grant Agreement between the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Howard County, Maryland

that imposes, in certain circumstances, an indemnification obligation on the County in future fiscal years.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB17-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the required rates of pay when an employee's position is reclassified; and generally relating to the application of the Howard County Pay Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB18-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending certain minimum educational and experience requirements for certain positions in the Department of Fire and Rescue Service; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB19-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT to incorporate into the Metropolitan District a parcel of real property containing approximately 91.2575 acres owned by Maple Lawn Farms, Inc., located at 11621 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland also known as Parcel 113 on Tax Map 46 for Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB20-2016**

**Introduced by: Jon Weinstein**

AN ACT authorizing additional credits against Watershed Protection and Restoration Fees under specified circumstances; requiring additional information in the annual report; and generally relating to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB21-2016**

**Introduced by: Greg Fox**

AN ACT requiring that bills for the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee include a statement explaining why the fee continues to be imposed rather than why the fee used to be imposed; requiring that the statement identify the County Council members that voted against repealing the fee or whose votes or actions prevented the repeal of the fee, under certain circumstances; requiring that the statement name the

County Executive instead if the Executive vetoed a bill to repeal the fee, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to billing for the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

*Final Action:*

*Votes*

#### **CR31-2016**

**Introduced by: Calvin Ball**

A RESOLUTION requesting that the Environmental Sustainability Board review the various reports commissioned by Howard County Public School System pertaining to mold at Howard County Public Schools and provide a report to the County Council and County Executive making recommendations on addressing environmental concerns, specifically on mold at Howard County Public Schools.

*Final Action:*

*Votes*

#### **CR32-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act providing for the issuance by Howard County, Maryland, as its limited obligations and not upon its faith and credit or pledge of its taxing power, of up to \$55,000,000 of its bonds and the loan of the proceeds thereof to Columbia Vantage House Corporation to be used to (1) refund outstanding Howard County, Maryland Retirement Community Revenue Bonds (Vantage House Facility) Series 2007A and B and (2) finance (a) renovations of and capital improvements for a multi-building continuing care retirement community located in Columbia, Maryland and (b) costs of issuance, reserves, capitalized interest and other related costs; reserving certain rights; providing for the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes for such purposes; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve certain matters, details, forms, documents or procedures; and specifying and describing various matters in connection therewith.

*Final Action:*

*Votes*

#### **CR33-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Business and Economic Development for economic development projects in Howard County and certifying that the projects are consistent with the County's plan for economic development.

*Final Action:*

*Votes*

#### **CR34-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey approximately 2.99 acres of certain real property owned by the County commonly known as Tax Map 34, Parcel 200, Non-Buildable Preservation Parcel E to the Highland Reserve Homeowners' Association, Inc.; and waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR35-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving a Bicycle Master Plan and a Complete Streets policy for Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR36-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION approving the 2015 Amendment to the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage, consisting of text, tables, and maps incorporating various revisions based on and including:

1. A determination of future water and sewer system flow projections and infrastructure needs;
2. Changes to the Planned Service Area that have been implemented as amendments to both the General Plan 2000 and through the adoption of PlanHoward 2030;
3. The progress of projects for future water supply and sewerage treatment needs in the county and outside of the county, including improvements to the Baltimore City water supply and expansion of the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment, which are coordinated with Baltimore City and Baltimore County;
4. The review of water and sewer service priorities for properties in the Planned Service Area; and
5. Changes in the anticipated alignment, location, and sizing of future facilities.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR37-2016**

##### **Introduced by: Jon Weinstein**

A RESOLUTION amending schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR38-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson**

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

*Final Action:*

*Votes*

### **FINAL CONSIDERATION**

#### **CR12-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jonathan Bos to the Historic Preservation Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR13-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Joan Hash to the Human Rights Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes*

#### **CR14-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Peter Hwang to the Human Rights Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR15-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stanley Levy to the Board of Social Services.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR16-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ivan Montoya to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR17-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bradley Myers to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Revenue Authority.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR18-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Millicent Nwolisa to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR19-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jason Peay to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR20-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brandon Robinson to the Public Works Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR21-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Matthew Smithson to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR22-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment Christopher Tsien of to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR23-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michael Willis to the Commission on Aging.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR24-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Bitu Dayoff as a member to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR25-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Gwynn Marsh-Armstrong as a student member to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CR26-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Connie Molter to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**FINANCIAL**

**CB6-2016**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving an Assignment of Amended Agreement between Howard County, Maryland, the Central Maryland Regional Transit Corporation and the Center for Transportation and the Environment for an assignment of an amended Consulting Agreement for the Electric Bus Project and ratifying the County's approval of the Assignment.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

**CB52-2015**

**Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Greg Fox**

AN ACT amending the existing Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee to include the rates in the Howard County Code; reducing the rates of the fee beginning on July 1, 2016; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the abrogation of certain provisions of the Howard County Code related to the fee, as of July 1, 2017; and generally relating to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee.

*Final Action: TABLED*

*Votes:*



#### **CR181-2015**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Greg Fox**

A RESOLUTION amending schedules for various charges related to the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fee; removing certain fees because they are being transferred to the County Code; providing for an effective date of certain changes; providing for certain changes to be effective in Fiscal Year 2018.

*Final Action: TABLED*

*Votes:*

#### **CR182-2015**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Greg Fox**

A RESOLUTION approving a financial assurance plan for funding Howard County's stormwater management program for a two-year period, in accordance with Section 4-202.1 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

*Final Action: TABLED*

*Votes:*

### **GENERAL**

#### **CB2-2016 (ZRA-156)**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations' CAC (Corridor Activity Center) Zoning District to allow for the reduction of the commercial space requirement in residential developments, if determined appropriate by the Department of Planning and Zoning; and generally relating to CAC developments.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB7-2016**

##### **Introduced by: Jennifer Terrasa and Calvin Ball**

AN ACT authorizing the Howard County Police Department to enforce parking restrictions related to plug-in vehicle recharging stations; and generally related to parking control in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB8-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT adopting the National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code, 2015 Edition as the Howard County Fire Prevention Code, which sets certain fire safety requirements for structures in order to protect life and property; making certain local amendments to the Fire Code; clarifying the duties of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services; amending certain definitions in the

Fire Code; requiring certain registration of fire suppression systems; enhancing requirements for certain bulk tire storage; requiring certain inspections of mobile food vending platforms; requiring certain permits for certain actions taken with certain hazardous materials; providing for certain abatement when approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction; updating fire lanes designation; and generally relating to fire safety requirements and fire prevention in Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB9-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 1810, Council 67, AFL-CIO that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and providing for the application of this Act.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB10-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; adding steps to the pay scales for members of a certain collective bargaining unit that were recently negotiated in a collective bargaining agreement; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR27-2016**

##### **Introduced by: Jon Weinstein and Jennifer Terrasa**

A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 611 "Lapsed Appropriations" of the Howard County Charter and add Section 907 "Citizen Funded Campaigns" to the Howard County Charter; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR28-2016**

##### **Introduced by: Greg Fox at the request of Friends of Haviland Mill Road**

A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the Howard County Inventory of Scenic Roads which adds

Haviland Mill Road, a rural, historically significant road to the Inventory.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CB11-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; removing the Office of Transportation within the Department of County Administration and transferring that function to the Department of Planning and Zoning; removing certain positions from the list of positions appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer, clarifying certain duties; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government.

*Final Action:* **WITHDRAWN**

*Votes:*

#### **CB12-2016**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

AN ACT reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; transferring certain functions currently performed by the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Citizen Services; creating a new Office of Housing and Community Partnerships within the Department of Citizen Services; correcting the positions that are appointed by certain appointing authorities; amending the duties and responsibilities of certain offices; renaming the Department of Citizen Services to be the Department of Community Resources and Services; renaming the Office on Aging to be the Office on Aging and Independence; renaming the Office of Consumer Affairs to be the Office of Consumer Protection; renaming the Office of Children's Services to be the Office of Children and Families; renaming the Commission on Aging to the Commission on Aging and Independence; renaming the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs to be the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection; providing that certain employees of the Howard County Housing Commission are members of the County Retirement Plan and eligible for Other Post-Employment Benefits; providing for certain legal representation of the Howard County Housing Commission; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government.

*Final Action:*

*Votes:*

#### **CR68-2015**

##### **Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive**

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, declaring that certain real property known as the "Flier Building" owned by Howard County, Maryland, containing approximately 2.159 acres, and located at 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to sell the property; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to sell the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

*Final Action:* **TABLED**

*Votes:*

### **THE PROCESS**

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm; Legislative Session
- Monday, March 14, 2016 at 8:30 am; Monthly Meeting
- Tuesday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm; Legislative Public Hearing
- Monday, March 28, 2016 at 4:30 pm; Legislative Work Session

\* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.



## Howard County State Delegation Legislation

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<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation/Proposed-Local-Legislation> .

### **Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Vantage House Retirement Community Renovations Ho. Co. 1-16**

**By: Senator Kasemeyer**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Columbia Vantage House Corporation for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

### **Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion Ho. Co. 2-16**

**By: Senator Kasemeyer**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the

grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

### **Creation of a State Debt – Howard County - South Branch Park Ho. Co. 3-16**

**By: Senator Guzzone (By Request Howard County Administration)**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

### **Creation of a State Debt – Howard County - Huntington Park Ho. Co. 4-16**

**By: Senator Guzzone (By Request Howard County Administration)**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

### **Creation of a State Debt – Howard County - Solomon's Lodge #121 Ho. Co. 5-16**

**By: Senator Guzzone**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$19,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Solomon's Lodge # 121 A.F. & A.M. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

### **Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Community Action Council Food Bank Facility Ho. Co. 6-16**

**By: Senator Guzzone**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community

Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

**Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Licenses Ho. Co. 7-16**

**By: Senator Guzzone**

FOR the purpose of making a Class D (on– and off–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license part of certain groups of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County may issue to an individual or for the use of a partnership, a corporation, or an unincorporated association; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

**Howard County – County Income Tax – Maximum Rate Ho. Co. 8-16**

**By: Delegate Miller**

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum rate for the county income tax that Howard County may set for certain taxable years; repealing obsolete language; and generally relating to the county income tax.

**Howard County Public School System – Access to Public Information Ho. Co. 9-16**

**By: Delegate Miller**

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain notice provided by the custodian of a public record for the Howard County Public School System be made in writing under penalty of perjury; requiring the custodian to provide written notice to an applicant regarding the right to file a certain complaint with the State Public Information Act Compliance Board; requiring the custodian, under certain circumstances, to petition the Public Access Ombudsman concerning a request to inspect a public record; providing that the custodian may deny inspection of an intra–agency letter or memorandum only after a declaration by a court under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Howard County Public School System and access to public information.

**Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses Ho. Co. 10-16**

**By: Delegate Lam**

For the purpose of requiring an applicant for a certain Class D beer, wine and liquor license to attest to a certain proportion of future food and alcoholic beverages sales based on gross receipts before obtaining the license; requiring an applicant for renewal of a certain Class D beer, wine and liquor license to attest to a certain proportion of food and alcoholic beverages sales based

on gross receipts before renewing the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

**Workers’ Compensation – Permanent Partial Disability – Howard County Deputy Sheriffs Ho. Co. 11-16**

**By: Senator Guzzone**

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which Howard County deputy sheriffs are eligible for enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for certain permanent partial disability claims; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to workers’ compensation benefits for Howard County deputy sheriffs.

**Howard County Board of Education – Elected School Board Ho. Co. 12-16**

**By: Delegate Atterbeary**

FOR the purpose of requiring that, beginning with a certain election, certain members of the Howard County Board of Education be elected by districts and certain members be elected at large; providing that a member elected to the county board from a certain geographic area but whose district boundaries are subsequently altered may remain as a member of the county board for a certain period; providing that in making an appointment to fill a vacancy on the county board the County Executive of Howard County shall endeavor to ensure that the county board reflects certain characteristics of the county population; providing for the termination of the terms of certain members of the county board; providing for the application of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the election of the members of the Howard County Board of Education.

**Howard County – Practice of Massage – Regulation Ho. Co. 13-16**

**By: Delegate Flanagan**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt ordinances or regulations relating to the massage establishments and the practices of certain individuals requiring the governing body of Howard County to provide that the Howard County Health Officer and the Howard County Police Department have certain authority to carry out certain provisions of ordinances or regulations; and generally relating to the practice of massage in Howard County.

**Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Luxury Restaurants and Farm Breweries - Licenses Ho. Co. 14-16**

**By: Delegate Miller**

FOR the purpose of altering the number of Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on–sale) beer, wine and liquor licenses the Board of License Commissioners may issue



for separate premises to an individual or for the use of a partnership, corporation, or unincorporated association in Howard County; altering the maximum number of Class B beer, wine and liquor licenses the holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license may hold in Howard County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.



## Maryland State General Assembly Legislation

### [House Bill 0082](#)

#### **Stormwater Management - Assessment of Local Fees, Charges, and Excise Taxes - Leasehold Interests**

*Introduced by: Delegate Carr*

Requiring a leasehold or other limited interest in property that is owned by the federal government, the State, a county, a municipality, or an agency or instrumentality of the federal government, the State, a county, or a municipality to be assessed a specified stormwater remediation fee, a specified stormwater management charge, or a specified stormwater management excise tax by a county or municipality under specified circumstances.

*Status: Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.*

### [House Bill 0085](#)

#### **Education - Children With Disabilities - Support Services - Parental Notification**

*Introduced by: Delegate Luedtke*

Requiring specified school personnel to provide the parents of a child with a disability written information that the parents may use to contact early intervention and special education family support services staff members and a brief description of the available services; requiring specified school personnel to provide a translator at a meeting for parents who require information to be translated into the parents' native language; requiring a local school system to publish specified contact information on its Web site; etc.

*Status: Third Reading Passed*

### [House Bill 0086](#)

#### **Special Education - Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans - Native Language**

*Introduced by: Delegate Luedtke*

Authorizing the parents of a child with a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan to request the document to be translated into the parents' native language if that language is spoken by more than 1 percent of the student population in the local school system; requiring appropriate school personnel to provide a parent with a translated document within 30 days after the date of the request; and defining specified terms.

*Status: Third Reading Passed*

### [House Bill 0090](#)

#### **On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Operation and Maintenance Costs - Low-Income Homeowners**

*Introduced by: Delegate Lafferty*

Requiring the Department of the Environment to assist, with money from the Bay Restoration Fund, low-income homeowners with the cost, up to 50%, of 3-year operation and maintenance contracts for on-site sewage disposal systems that utilize nitrogen removal technology; and requiring the Department or a local government to determine applicant eligibility and the amount of assistance to be provided.

*Status: Third Reading Passed*

### [House Bill 0108 \(SB0457\)](#)

#### **Capital Budget - Construction Projects - Apprenticeship Requirements**

*Introduced by: Delegate McCray*

Requiring a contractor or subcontractor that performs work on a construction project that receives funding from the State capital budget in the amount of \$100,000 or more to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make specified payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to specified apprenticeship programs; etc.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 3:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/17 at 1pm (Finance)*

### [House Bill 0109](#)

#### **Public Schools - Health and Safety - Food Transparency**

*Introduced by: Delegate Fennell*

Requiring specified local school systems to include specified information relating to items sold a la carte on monthly dining menus; requiring a specified monthly menu to include specified information under specified circumstances; and requiring specified local school

systems to create an individual monthly a la carte menu for each school under specified circumstances; etc.  
*Status: Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0115**

##### **Education - Robotics Grant Program - Establishment**

*Introduced by: Delegate Reznik*

Establishing the Robotics Grant Program to provide grants to public schools in the State to support and expand existing robotics programs; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$500,000 to the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

*Status: Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0136 (SB0314)**

##### **State Government - Financial Education and Capability Commission - Composition**

*Introduced by: Delegate Stein*

Altering the composition of the Financial Education and Capability Commission to include one representative of a nonprofit organization in the State that provides financial assistance and free financial education to State residents for postsecondary education.

*Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; In the House - First Reading Ways and Means*

#### **House Bill 0141**

##### **Education – Education Accountability Program – Limits on Testing**

*Introduced by: Delegate Luedtke*

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations limiting the amount of time in the aggregate that may be devoted to federal, State, and locally mandated tests for each grade to 2% of the specified minimum required annual instructional hours; and prohibiting time devoted to teacher-selected classroom quizzes and exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments from being counted toward the specified testing time limits.

*Status: Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0144 (SB0337)**

##### **Libraries - Regional, State, and County - Funding**

*Introduced by: Delegate Hixson*

Altering the calculation of specified funding for each participating regional resource center, the State Library Resource Center, and each county public library system for specified fiscal years.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)*

#### **House Bill 0290**

##### **Labor and Employment - Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program – Establishment**

*Introduced by: Delegate McCray*

Altering and renaming the Construction Apprenticeship Assistance Program to establish the Apprenticeship Career Training in Our Neighborhoods (ACTION) Program; altering the purpose and method for administering the Program; requiring the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to administer the Program; establishing specified standards under which specified employers may be eligible to receive grants; etc.

*Status: First Reading Finance*

#### **House Bill 0387**

##### **Clean Energy Loan Program - Residential Property - Repayment of Loans Through Surcharge**

*Introduced by: Delegate Barkley*

Authorizing a county or municipality to collect specified loan payments for a loan to specified owners of residential property under the Clean Energy Loan Program, and specified costs, through a surcharge on the property owner's property tax bill; authorizing a private lender to provide capital for a loan provided to a residential property owner under the program; requiring that specified provisions relating to liens apply to the liens created under the Act; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0412**

##### **Education - Administration of Assessments - Provision of Information**

*Introduced by: Delegate Kaiser*

Requiring each county board of education to provide information relating to each assessment administered in a local school system that includes the title, purpose, grade level tested, subject area, testing window, time to complete, loss of instruction time, and accommodations for students with special needs; requiring this information to be updated annually, posted online, and included in the county board's comprehensive master plan updates; etc.

*Status: Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0413**

##### **Open Meetings Act - Minutes - Video and Audio Streaming**

*Introduced by: Delegate Carr*

Providing that a public body need not prepare written minutes of an open session under the Open Meetings Act if live and archived video streaming is available, the live and archived video streaming is closed-captioned or a written transcript of the video streaming is available on request, and an electronic index that allows an individual to navigate directly to the relevant agenda item or portion

of the meeting accompanies the archived video streaming.

*Status: Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0428**

##### **Property Tax - Interest on Refunds**

*Introduced by: Delegate Sophcleus*

Altering the rate of interest at which specified money is required to be refunded to a taxpayer on a final determination of an appeal concerning a county or municipal corporation property tax or taxing district property tax to equal the rate of interest equivalent to the historical rate of return for the county or municipal corporation, as certified by the State Treasurer.

*Status: Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means;*

*Withdrawn*

#### **House Bill 0429**

##### **Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy**

*Introduced by: Delegate Patterson*

Establishing the Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters relating to habitual student truancy; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2017; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0430**

##### **Education - Student Data Privacy Council**

*Introduced by: Delegate Kaiser*

Establishing the Student Data Privacy Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015; requiring the Council to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017.

*Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0435**

##### **Electric Companies - Vegetation Management - Local Law, Rule, Regulation, or Other Action**

*Introduced by: Delegate Tarlau*

Repealing a prohibition against a county or municipal corporation taking specified actions that interfere with, or materially increase costs of, compliance with specified vegetation management standards under specified circumstances; requiring an electric company to attempt to work out a specified agreement with a county or

municipal corporation to mitigate the impact of a local law, rule, regulation, or other action on efforts to comply with specified other vegetation management standards; etc.

*Status: Unfavorable Report by Economic Matters*

#### **House Bill 0436**

##### **Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring, Work Zone Speed Control, and Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Repeal**

*Introduced by: Delegate Miller, W.*

Repealing the authority of counties and municipalities in the State to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws; repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce highway speed laws within work zones; repealing the authority to use traffic control signal monitoring systems to enforce traffic control signal laws; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0442 (SB0303)**

##### **Counties - Transportation Adequate Public Facility Law - State Highway Intersection**

*Introduced by: Delegate Bromwell*

Prohibiting a county from amending or repealing a transportation adequate public facility law in effect on January 1, 2016; requiring that the level of traffic congestion at a State highway intersection be determined by the State Highway Administration for the purpose of determining whether development is allowed under a county transportation adequate public facility law.

*Status: In the House - Unfavorable Report by*

*Environment and Transportation; In the Senate -*

*Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and*

*Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn*

#### **House Bill 0450 (SB0386)**

##### **Tax Credits - Manufacturing Empowerment Zones**

*Introduced by: Speaker*

Establishing the Manufacturing Empowerment Zone Program to encourage business entities engaged in manufacturing outside the State to invest in manufacturing facilities within the State; authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to designate specified areas of the State as manufacturing empowerment zones; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to grant specified property tax credits; authorizing specified business entities to claim a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.; In the*

*Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0464 (SB0376)**

##### **Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Schools Act of 2016**

*Introduced by: Speaker*

Establishing a specified number of Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) schools in the State; requiring the State to provide a specified grant to P-TECH schools beginning in a specified fiscal year for specified costs; providing that the grant may not exceed a specified amount in specified fiscal years; requiring a county board to pay for dual enrollment costs for P-TECH students; etc.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means); In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)*

#### **House Bill 0545**

##### **Landlord and Tenant - Water and Wastewater Charges - Prohibition on Ratio Utility Billing Systems**

*Introduced by: Delegate Lafferty*

Prohibiting a landlord on or after January 1, 2017, from using a ratio utility billing system to charge a tenant for the cost of water and wastewater utilities; imposing specified limits on charges for water and wastewater utilities if a landlord charges a tenant separately for utilities; providing that a landlord that violates the Act is liable for the greater of the total amount of all damages proximately caused by the violation or \$1,000 per violation plus reasonable attorney's fees; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0550 (SB0410)**

##### **Distillery License Holders - Sale of Product to Participants in Guided Tours**

*Introduced by: Delegate Clippinger*

Repealing a specified provision of law that limits a distillery license holder to selling product and related merchandise to an individual on a guided tour only if the license holder manufactures not more than 27,500 gallons of products annually.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.;*

*In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0551**

##### **Education - Children With Disabilities - Individualized Education Program Mediation**

*Introduced by: Delegate Kaiser*

Requiring specified individualized education program teams to provide specified parents of a child with a disability with a specified oral and written explanation of the parent's right to request mediation, specified contact information, including a telephone number, and specified information regarding pro bono representation; and requiring the State Department of Education to make a staff member available to assist specified parents in understanding specified mediation processes; etc.

*Status: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0580 (SB0472)**

##### **Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act**

*Introduced by: Delegate Clippinger*

Requiring employers with more than nine employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with nine or fewer employees to provide an employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; etc.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0589**

##### **Office of the Public Defender - Representation at Bail Hearing – Provisional**

*Introduced by: Delegate Vallario*

Establishing that the representation provided by the Office of the Public Defender to an indigent individual at a bail hearing before a District Court or circuit court judge shall be limited solely to the bail hearing and shall terminate automatically at the conclusion of the hearing; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0604 (SB0291)**

##### **Public Health - Mobile Food Service Facilities - Licensing and Inspection by Counties**

*Introduced by: Delegate W. Miller*

Prohibiting, under specified circumstances, a county from requiring a mobile food service facility to obtain a license from the county in order to operate in the county; authorizing a county to inspect a mobile food service facility that is operating in the county; requiring, under specified circumstances, a county to forward the result of a specified inspection to the county that licenses a specified mobile food service facility; etc.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means); In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.*

*(Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)*

#### **House Bill 0616**

##### **Alcoholic Beverages - Class 1 Distillery Licenses**

*Introduced by: Delegate Barkley*

Allowing the holder of a Class 1 distillery license to establish and operate a plant for distilling, rectifying, blending, and bottling, at the location described in the license specified alcoholic beverages; allowing the license holder to acquire alcoholic beverages from a holder of any manufacturer's license, wholesaler's license, or a holder of a nonresident dealer's permit for use in manufacturing; reducing the annual license fee from \$2,000 to \$1,000; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.*



#### [House Bill 0619](#)

##### **Law Enforcement Officer - Misdemeanor - Hearing and Emergency Suspension**

*Introduced by: Delegate Anderson*

Providing that a law enforcement officer who has been convicted of a misdemeanor with a potential for more than 1 year imprisonment is not entitled to a specified hearing on specified issues by a hearing board; and providing that, if a law enforcement officer is charged with a misdemeanor with a potential for more than 1 year imprisonment, the chief may impose an emergency suspension of police powers without pay.

*Status: Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### [House Bill 0620](#)

##### **Elementary and Secondary Education - Required Number of School Days – Repeal**

*Introduced by: Delegate Adams*

Repealing the requirement that specified public schools be open for at least 180 days during a 10-month period in each school year; requiring the State Board of Education to grant a waiver from compliance with the minimum number of school hours requirement for a county board of education that submits to the State board specified evidence of a specified collective bargaining agreement; providing that a specified waiver is effective only for the term of the collective bargaining agreement; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### [House Bill 0621 \(SB0040\)](#)

##### **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion Ho. Co. 2-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Environmental Education Center, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: In the House - First Reading Appropriations;*

*In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation*

#### [House Bill 0626](#)

##### **Education - Public School Holidays - Veterans' Day**

*Introduced by: Delegate C. Wilson*

Requiring Veterans' Day to be a public school holiday.

*Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### [House Bill 0629](#)

##### **Criminal Law - Law Enforcement Officers – Misconduct**

*Introduced by: Delegate Moon*

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from intentionally disabling video or audio recording devices in violation of specified policies; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from causing injury to a person in the law enforcement officer's custody by intentionally failing to request medical assistance for the person; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from causing injury to a person by discharging a firearm in violation of specified policies; establishing specified penalties for specified violations of the Act; etc.

*Status: Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn*

#### [House Bill 0631](#)

##### **Workers' Compensation - Permanent Partial Disability - Howard County Deputy Sheriffs Ho. Co. 11-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Altering the circumstances under which Howard County deputy sheriffs are eligible for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

*Status: Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### [House Bill 0632](#)

##### **Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Luxury Restaurants and Farm Breweries - Licenses Ho. Co. 14-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Altering the maximum number of specified beer, wine and liquor licenses the holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license may hold in Howard County; and altering the number of Class BLX (luxury restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor licenses the Board of License Commissioners may issue for separate premises to an individual or for the use of a partnership, corporation, or unincorporated association in Howard County; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### [House Bill 0633](#)

##### **Education - Teacher and Principal Evaluations - Revisions to Requirements**

*Introduced by: Delegate Ebersole*

Altering the requirements for the regulations adopted by the State Board of Education that establish the general standards for performance evaluations for specified teachers and principals; repealing the requirement that specified regulations regarding teacher and principal performance evaluations include default model performance evaluation criteria; repealing the requirement for performance evaluation criteria to include student growth data as a specified component of the evaluation; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### [House Bill 0637](#)

##### **Local Government Tort Claims Act - Notice Requirement – Exception**

*Introduced by: Delegate Smith*

Providing a specified exception to a specified notice requirement for a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

*Status: Favorable with Amendments Report by Judiciary*

#### [House Bill 0645](#)

##### **Election Law - Change in Administrative Policy Affecting Voting Rights - Notice and Judicial Review**

*Introduced by: Delegate Rosenberg*

Requiring the State Board of Elections or a local board of elections that adopts a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights to provide specified public notice of the change; providing for the form, content, and timing of the public notice; providing that an individual's right to vote may not be denied or abridged because the individual failed to comply with a change in an administrative policy affecting voting rights if the State Board or local board did not provide public notice of the change; etc.

*Status: Hearing 3/02 at 2:30 p.m.*

#### [House Bill 0649](#)

##### **Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Extension of Time for Review and Final Order by Chief**

*Introduced by: Delegate Anderson*

Extending from 30 days to 60 days the period of time that a chief of a law enforcement agency has to review the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of a hearing board and issue a final order under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.

*Status: Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### [House Bill 0650](#)

##### **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Vantage House Retirement Community Renovations Ho. Co. 1-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Columbia Vantage House Corporation for the acquisition, planning design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the facilities at Vantage House Retirement Community, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: First Reading Appropriations*

#### [House Bill 0651](#)

##### **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - South Branch Park Ho. Co. 3-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction and capital equipping of the South Branch Park, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: First Reading Appropriations*

#### [House Bill 0652](#)

##### **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Huntington Park Ho. Co. 4-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Huntington Park, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

*Status: First Reading Appropriations*

#### [House Bill 0653](#)

##### **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Community Action Council Food Bank Facility Ho. Co. 6-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

*Status: First Reading Appropriations*

#### [House Bill 0654](#)

##### **Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses Ho. Co. 10-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Requiring an applicant for a specified Class D beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County to attest in a sworn statement that gross receipts from food sales will be at least equal to 20% of the gross receipts from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages before obtaining the license; requiring an applicant for renewal of a specified Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to attest to a specified proportion of food and alcoholic beverages

sales based on gross receipts before renewing the license; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0655**

##### **Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Licenses Ho. Co. 7-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Making a Class D (on- and off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license part of specified groups of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County may issue to an individual or for the use of a partnership, a corporation, or an unincorporated association.

*Status: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0656**

##### **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Solomon's Lodge #121 Ho. Co. 5-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$19,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Solomon's Lodge #121 A.F. & A.M. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Solomon's Lodge #121 building, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

*Status: First Reading Appropriations*

#### **House Bill 0657**

##### **Education - Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments – Administration**

*Introduced by: Delegate Shoemaker*

Requiring a specified statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to a random sample of specified kindergarten students from within specified local school systems in the State; authorizing a specified kindergarten assessment to evaluate specified skills; prohibiting specified standardized tests from being administered to specified prekindergarten students; and requiring the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations.

*Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0661**

##### **Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Firearm Cameras**

*Introduced by: Delegate Conaway*

Authorizing a law enforcement officer to use a specified firearm camera, a device attached to a firearm that is capable of recording video and intercepting oral communications, to intercept a specified oral communication under specified circumstances.

*Status: Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0663 (SB0580)**

##### **Constitution - Local Government - Legal Notices**

*Introduced by: Delegate S. Robinson*

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution allowing a charter county to publish specified notices of county legislation in a manner specified by the General Assembly; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0664**

##### **Foreclosures - Responsibility for Maintenance of Residential Property and Registration Requirement**

*Introduced by: Delegate Krimm*

Establishing that, on and after the filing of an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property, the secured party shall be responsible for maintenance of the property until the foreclosure sale occurs; requiring the secured party to submit a registration to the Foreclosed Property Registry within 30 days after the filing of a foreclosure action on residential property; requiring the registration to be in a specified form and contain specified information; establishing fees; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0666 (SB0581)**

##### **Local Governments - Legal Notice Requirements**

*Introduced by: Delegate S. Robinson*

Authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting the notices on its Web site; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality Web site to be displayed conspicuously and be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish specified advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality; etc.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0668 (SB0584)**

##### **Preschool Development Grants - Expansion Grants - Required State Funding**

*Introduced by: Delegate Rosenberg*

Requiring the Governor to include in the State budget specified funding in a specified amount for each fiscal year in which the State Department of Education receives an Expansion Grant through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program.

*Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.; In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 3:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0669**

##### **Law Enforcement - Body-Worn Cameras - Release of Information to Public**

*Introduced by: Delegate Conaway*

Providing that, unless otherwise ordered by a court, a law enforcement agency that establishes a specified program to use body-worn cameras may keep any data recorded by the camera that is related to an ongoing investigation from being released to the public until after the investigation is closed; providing that, unless otherwise ordered by a court, a law enforcement agency, for a public safety purpose, may keep specified investigative data from being released to the public after an investigation is closed; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0671**

##### **Howard County - Practice of Massage - Regulation Ho. Co. 13-16**

*Introduced by: Howard County Delegation*

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to adopt ordinances or regulations relating to massage establishments and the practices of massage therapists, massage practitioners, and any other individuals who provide massage for compensation; and requiring the governing body of Howard County to provide that the Howard County Health Officer and the Howard County Police Department have specified authority to carry out specified provisions of ordinances or regulations.

*Status: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 0674**

##### **Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Hearing Board - Final Order**

*Introduced by: Delegate Cluster*

Altering the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights to require that a hearing board issue a final order following a finding of guilt in an administrative hearing rather than provide findings and make recommendations; repealing specified exceptions authorizing a hearing board to issue a final order only under specified circumstances; repealing the requirement that a chief law enforcement officer issue a final order consistent with procedural requirements and within 30 days; etc.

*Status: Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn*

#### **House Bill 0681**

##### **Vehicle Laws - School Vehicles – Definition**

*Introduced by: Delegate Lam*

Altering the definition of 'school vehicle'; establishing that a school vehicle includes specified vehicles that meet or comply with specified standards and requirements, were originally used to transport children, students, and teachers in another state, and are used only for transporting children to and from a Head Start program.

*Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **House Bill 1571**

##### **Property Tax Credit - Disabled Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers - Acquisition of Dwelling**

*Introduced by: Delegate Shoemaker*

Increasing from 2 years to 10 years the number of years within which a disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker must have acquired specified residential property in order to qualify for a specified property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the property; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

*Status: First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations*

#### **House Bill 1579**

##### **Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights - Hearing Board**

*Introduced by: Delegate Anderson*

Repealing the provision allowing an alternative method for the formation of a hearing board under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights when the alternative method has been agreed to in a specified exclusive collective bargaining agreement; repealing the provision under which findings of fact and the penalty determination of a hearing board are final when agreed to through exclusive collective bargaining; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

*Status: First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations*

#### **House Bill 1599**

##### **Real Property - Restrictions on Use - Solar Collector Systems**

*Introduced by: Delegate Brooks*

Authorizing specified restrictions on use regarding land use to prohibit the installation of a solar collector system on the land, not including improvements to the land, of residential real property.

*Status: First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations*

#### **State Bill 0002**

##### **Real-Time Transparency Act of 2016**

*Introduced by: Senator Young*

Requiring a political committee to file a contribution report within 48 hours after receiving a single contribution, transfer, or loan of \$1,000 or more during the year of an election in which the political committee is participating; requiring contribution reports to include specified information; providing that contribution reports filed by a political committee are in addition to specified other reports filed by a political committee; providing for a \$10 fee for each day or part of a day a contribution report is overdue; etc.



*Status: Hearing 2/04 at 3:00 p.m.*

**State Bill 0057 (HB0031)**

**Community Cleanup and Greening Act of 2016**

*Introduced by: Senator Ramirez*

Prohibiting a store from distributing plastic disposable carryout bags free of charge to a customer at the point of sale; requiring a store to charge and collect a 10-cent fee for each paper disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer; authorizing the store to pay a customer a credit of at least 5 cents for each bag provided by the customer; requiring a store to remit to the Comptroller the money retained by the store for specified purposes; establishing a maximum penalty of \$100 for a violation of the Act; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.*

*(Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs); In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)*

**State Bill 0155**

**Public Bodies - Use and Retention of E-Mail – Requirements**

*Introduced by: Senator Reilly*

Prohibiting an employee of a public body from creating or maintaining government e-mail by using a personal e-mail account; requiring an employee of a public body, under specified circumstances, to forward government e-mail to the official e-mail account of the employee within 5 days after the government e-mail is received; requiring each public body to retain government e-mail for a minimum of 7 years or, under specified circumstances, permanently; requiring the State Archivist to adopt specified regulations; etc.

*Status: Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs*

**State Bill 0166 (HB0243)**

**Land Use Actions - Legislative Bodies - Judicial Review**

*Introduced by: Senator Conway*

Authorizing a specified person, who has been aggrieved by a land use decision, who is a taxpayer, or is an officer or unit of a local jurisdiction, to file a request for judicial review by a circuit court of a land use action of a legislative body; specifying persons that have standing to bring and maintain a specified action in a circuit court to allow judicial review of a land use action of a legislative body; and applying a provision of law to a charter county and to Baltimore City.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.;*

*In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.*

**State Bill 0182**

**Public Safety - Rental Dwelling Units - Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

*Introduced by: Senator Mathias*

Altering specified requirements relating to carbon monoxide alarms as the requirements apply to rental dwelling units; requiring specified rental dwelling units, on or after April 1, 2018, to have a specified carbon monoxide alarm installed in a specified manner, subject to a specified exception; etc.

*Status: First Reading Environment and Transportation*

**State Bill 0183**

**School Vehicles - Seat Belts – Requirements**

*Introduced by: Senator Brochin*

Prohibiting specified persons from allowing pupils to stand in a school vehicle while the school vehicle is in motion; requiring school vehicles in the State to be equipped with seat belts; prohibiting a person from operating a specified school vehicle unless the person and each occupant under 16 years old are restrained by a seat belt; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.*

**State Bill 0190 (HB 150)**

**Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2017)**

*Introduced by: The President*

AN ACT for the purpose of making the proposed appropriations contained in the State 4 Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in accordance with Article III, 5 Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; and generally relating to appropriations 6 and budgetary provisions made pursuant to that section.

*Status: In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation; In the House - First Reading Appropriations*

**State Bill 0191 (HB151)**

**Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015**

*Introduced by: The President*

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,002,385,000, the proceeds to be used for specified necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring specified real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to specified subdivisions and other organizations for specified development and improvement purposes, subject to specified requirements; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation; In the House - First Reading Appropriations*

**State Bill 0224 (HB 0039)**

**Education - Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours – Establishment**

*Introduced by: Senator Simonaire*

Establishing the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification within the State Department of Education beginning in the 2017-2018 school year; providing that the purpose of the Orange Ribbon for Healthy School Hours certification is to recognize local school systems that create, implement, and enforce school start times that are consistent with the school start times recommended by the Department, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the American Academy of Pediatrics; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 2:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0261 (HB 0225)**

##### **Election Law - Write-in Candidates**

*Introduced by: Senator Kelley*

Providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office in a primary election is not eligible to file a certificate of candidacy as a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election; and providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office at a primary election may not be a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election.

*Status: In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; In the House - Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn*

#### **State Bill 0267**

##### **Public Schools - Voluntary Nonsectarian Prayer at School-Sponsored Student Events**

*Introduced by: Senator Salling*

Requiring specified county boards of education to allow nonsectarian student-initiated voluntary prayer during mandatory and voluntary school-sponsored student events; providing that the Act does not diminish specified rights of specified individuals relating to free speech and the free exercise of religion; providing that the exercise of specified rights may not be construed as a specified support, approval, or sanction of the contents of a specified prayer; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0269**

##### **Education - Public School Holidays - Veterans' Day**

*Introduced by: Senator Salling*

Requiring Veterans' Day to be a public school holiday.

*Status: Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0395**

##### **Ethics - Local Government - Conflict of Interest and Financial Disclosure**

*Introduced by: Senator Conway*

Requiring that specified authorized modifications of local conflict of interest and financial disclosure laws and regulations be made in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Ethics Commission and consistent

with specified intent; and authorizing rather than requiring a county or municipal corporation to modify specified local financial disclosure laws under specified circumstances.

*Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0406**

##### **Public Safety - Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy – Funding**

*Introduced by: Senator Guzzone*

Requiring the Governor to appropriate general funds to the Maryland Freestate Challenge Academy in an amount equal to 25% of a specified target per pupil foundation amount for specified cadets beginning in fiscal year 2018; requiring a county board of education to reimburse a specified fund a specified amount for specified cadets; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Military Department and the State Department of Education, to establish a specified process; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0407 (HB0141)**

##### **Education - Education Accountability Program - Limits on Testing**

*Introduced by: Senator Manno*

Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations limiting the amount of time in the aggregate that may be devoted to federal, State, and locally mandated tests for each grade to 2% of the specified minimum required annual instructional hours; and prohibiting time devoted to teacher-selected classroom quizzes and exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments from being counted toward the specified testing time limits.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0410**

##### **Distillery License Holders - Sale of Product to Participants in Guided Tours**

*Introduced by: Senator Ferguson*

Repealing a specified provision of law that limits a distillery license holder selling product and related merchandise to an individual on a guided tour only if the license holder manufactures not more than 27,500 gallons of products annually.

*Status: Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0459**

##### **Campaign Finance - Ballot Issue Committees - Prospective Questions**

*Introduced by: Senator Conway*

Altering specified campaign finance law definitions to include campaign finance activity relating to prospective questions to be placed on the ballot; prohibiting a chief election official from certifying a petition if the petition

sponsor fails to provide proof of filing a specified campaign finance report; repealing specified requirements that a statement of contributions and expenditures for a petition be filed at the time the petition is filed; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0461**

##### **Education - Prekindergarten Students – Funding**

*Introduced by: Senator Conway*

Establishing specified funding for prekindergarten students by altering the definition of full-time equivalent enrollment to include prekindergarten students in the number of students enrolled for purposes of calculating specified State aid formulas for education.

*Status: Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0464**

##### **Higher Education - College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students – Establishment**

*Introduced by: Senator Madaleno*

Establishing the College Admissions Outreach Program for High-Achieving Students; requiring the Program to provide information on the college admissions process to eligible students free of charge, collaborate with a specified nonprofit entity to identify specified students and to make the students' contact information available to specified institutions of higher education, develop and implement a specified system to provide specified institutions of higher education with access to a specified student contact list; etc.

*Status: Favorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs*

#### **State Bill 0465**

##### **Community Colleges - Tuition Waiver for Disabled Individuals – Requirements**

*Introduced by: Senator Madaleno*

Repealing the requirement that any student financial aid, other than a student loan, received by a specified disabled student must be applied first to pay the student's tuition prior to receiving an exemption from the payment of tuition at community colleges; etc.

*Status: Favorable with Amendments Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs*

#### **State Bill 0468 (HB0436)**

##### **Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring, Work Zone Speed Control, and Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Repeal**

*Introduced by: Senator Hough*

Repealing the authority of counties and municipalities in the State to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws; repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce highway speed laws within work zones; repealing the authority to use

traffic control signal monitoring systems to enforce traffic control signal laws; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0472 (HB0580)**

##### **Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act**

*Introduced by: Senator Pugh*

Requiring employers with more than nine employees to provide employees with earned sick and safe leave that is paid at the same rate as the employee normally earns; requiring employers with nine or fewer employees to provide an employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0493**

##### **Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Act of 2016**

*Introduced by: Senator Pinsky*

Increasing to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a State matching stipend awarded to certificated public school employees who teach in public schools that have comprehensive needs; establishing the Teacher Induction, Retention, and Advancement Program; requiring first-year teachers who participate in the Program to be afforded at least 20% more time for mentoring, peer observation, assistance with planning, or other preparation activities under the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to submit specified reports; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0494**

##### **State Department of Education - Community-Partnered School Behavioral Health Services Programs - Reporting System and Report (School Behavioral Health Accountability Act)**

*Introduced by: Senator Nathan-Pulliam*

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, county boards of education, and other stakeholders, to develop and implement a standardized reporting system to determine the effectiveness of community-partnered school behavioral health services programs; requiring the Department to report on or before December 1, 2017 and every 2 years thereafter, to the Governor and General Assembly on the effectiveness of community-partnered school behavioral health services programs; etc.

*Status: Favorable with Amendments Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs*



### **State Bill 0503**

#### **Education - Online Instructional Program for Financial Literacy**

*Introduced by: Senator Klausmeier*

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Financial Literacy Education Advisory Council, to develop and implement an online instructional program that provides a financial literacy curriculum for high school students; requiring students to demonstrate competency in managing money, managing credit and debt, saving and investing, and financial planning for successful completion of the program; requiring the program to be available beginning in the 2017-2018 school year for voluntary participation; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m.*

### **State Bill 0528 (HB0250)**

#### **General Provisions - Open Meetings Act - Required Training and Certificate of Compliance**

*Introduced by: Senator Bates*

Expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all employees, officials, and members of a public body; requiring that specified individuals complete specified training within a specified time period; requiring each new and returning member of the General Assembly to take specified training; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide specified in-person training on or before the 10th day of the first regular session of each legislative term; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.*

### **State Bill 0529**

#### **Open Meetings Act - Requirements for Providing Agendas**

*Introduced by: Senator Bates*

Requiring a public body to provide an agenda containing all available information regarding matters to be discussed at the open portion of a meeting and whether a portion of the meeting may be closed; requiring an agenda to be provided at least 24 hours before the meeting under specified circumstances; providing that specified information does not need to be included on the agenda; and authorizing methods by which a public body may provide the agenda.

*Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.*

### **State Bill 0533 (HB0412)**

#### **Education - Administration of Assessments - Provision of Information**

*Introduced by: Senator Pinsky*

Requiring each county board of education to provide information relating to each assessment administered in a local school system that includes the title, purpose, grade level or subject area tested, testing window, and

accommodations for students with special needs; requiring this information to be updated annually, posted online, and included in the county board's comprehensive master plan updates; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.*

### **State Bill 0552 (HB0146)**

#### **Baltimore City - Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officers**

*Introduced by: Senator Pugh*

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to grant, by law, a specified property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a specified dwelling in Baltimore City that is owned by a specified public safety officer under specified circumstances; providing that the credit may not exceed \$2,500 and may not be granted to more than one public safety officer per dwelling; prohibiting a specified recipient of the property tax credit from receiving specified other property tax credits; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.*

### **State Bill 0560**

#### **One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits - Business Incubators and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zones**

*Introduced by: Senator Ferguson*

Altering specified eligibility criteria for specified credits under the One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit to include specified persons who establish or expand a business facility located in specified areas that, for business incubators, creates a specified aggregate number of qualified positions at the facility under specified circumstances; etc.

*Status: Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.*

### **State Bill 0569**

#### **Methadone Treatment Facilities - Location - Limitations**

*Introduced by: Senator Gladden*

Prohibiting a methadone treatment facility from being established or operated within 500 feet of specified schools, child care centers, or agencies unless the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene receives a letter of support for the location of the facility from specified schools, child care centers, and agencies; etc.

*Status: Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 p.m.*

### **State Bill 0575**

#### **County Boards of Education - Limit on Liability**

*Introduced by: Senator Ramirez*

Increasing to \$400,000 per claim the limit on liability of a county board of education; increasing to \$400,000 per occurrence the minimum amount of liability coverage that a county board must maintain and for which the



State Board of Education must establish standards; applying the Act prospectively; etc.  
*Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0580 (HB0663)**

##### **Constitution - Local Government - Legal Notices**

*Introduced by: Senator King*

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution allowing a charter county to publish specified notices of county legislation in a manner specified by the General Assembly; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0581 (HB0666)**

##### **Local Governments - Legal Notice Requirements**

*Introduced by: Senator King*

Authorizing a county or municipality to satisfy a requirement to publish legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation by posting the notices on its Web site; requiring notices posted on a county or municipality Web site to be displayed conspicuously and be easily accessible; requiring a county or municipality that chooses to post notices on the Internet to publish specified advance notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality; etc.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0582 (HB0115)**

##### **Education - Robotics Grant Program – Establishment**

*Introduced by: Senator King*

Establishing the Robotics Grant Program to provide grants to public schools in the State to support and expand existing robotics programs; establishing eligibility requirements for the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the State budget an appropriation of at least \$500,000 to the Program; requiring the State Department of Education to implement and administer the Program; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 0584 (HB0668)**

##### **Preschool Development Grants - Expansion Grants - Required State Funding**

*Introduced by: Senator King*

Requiring the Governor to include in the State budget specified funding in a specified amount for each fiscal year in which the State Department of Education receives an Expansion Grant through the federal Preschool Development Grants Program.

*Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 3:00 p.m.; In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 1024**

##### **Income Tax - Interest Rate - Wynne Case**

*Introduced by: Senator Serafini*

Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller set the annual interest rate on income tax refunds that result from the decision under Maryland State Comptroller of the Treasury v. Brian Wynne at a specified amount; requiring the Comptroller to pay additional interest amounts to taxpayers that received income tax refunds with interest calculated using a specified interest rate; etc.

*Status: Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 1041**

##### **Education - Digital Equity for All Act**

*Introduced by: Senator Rosapepe*

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop and adopt specified infrastructure standards on or before December 1, 2016; requiring specified local school systems to meet specified infrastructure standards and implement and consider specified policies related to specified digital devices for specified purposes on or before December 1, 2019; establishing the Digital Equity for All Grant Program and providing for the purpose and duration of the Program; requiring the Department to administer the Program; etc.

*Status: Hearing 3/16 at 1:00 p.m.*

#### **State Bill 1097**

##### **Local Government Tort Claims Act - Regional Development Councils**

*Introduced by: Senator Mathias*

Altering the definition of a "local government" under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include specified regional development councils; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

*Status: In the Senate - Rereferred to Judicial Proceedings*

#### **State Bill 1100 (HB0677)**

##### **Family Law - Child Support - Age of Majority - Postsecondary Education**

*Introduced by: Senator Gladden*

Providing that an individual who has attained the age of 18 years and is enrolled for at least 12 hours of credit in an institution of postsecondary education has the right to receive support and maintenance from both of the individual's parents until the individual dies, marries, is emancipated, graduates from or is no longer enrolled for at least 12 hours of credit in an institution of postsecondary education, or attains the age of 22 years.

*Status: In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules; In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.*

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found

this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Calvin Ball", with a stylized, flowing script.

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